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HENDERSON (NORTHERN DEPT, FONOFF) STATES THAT PRIMIN HAS RECEIVED LONG MESSAGE FROM KHRUSHCHEV DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO SUBJECT OF BERLIN. MESSAGE CONSTITUTES REITERATION SOVIET POSITION ON BERLIN AND INTRODUCES NO REPEAT NO NEW ELEMENTS. FONOFF BELIEVES PURPOSE OF MESSAGE TO PUT SOVIET POSITION ON RECORD ANEW BEFORE BERMUDA CONFERENCE AND ALSO TO CONVEY IDEA SOVIET UNION WISHES REAL NEGOTIATIONS AND NOT INTERESTED IN DELAYING TACTICS ON PART OF WEST. HENDERSON HAS ASKED FOREGOING INFORMATION BE HANDLED DISCREETLY SINCE PRIMIN WILL RAISE MATTER HIMSELF AT BERMUDA CONFERENCE. IN CIRCUMSTANCES WE WILL NOT PRESS FOR FURTHER INFO.

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Note: Mr Sweeney(BNA) and SO notified 12-19-61, CWO-M.

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